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[English]

Import of Textile Machinery

4837. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to allow import of second hand textile machinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Textile Engineering Industry has opposed the proposal; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Import of second hand textile machinery is already permitted in terms of Para 193 (1) of handbook of procedure AM 1990-93, subject to the fulfilment of the requirements/laid down. Application for import of second hand capital goods for textile units for a value upto Rs. 1.5 crore is to be made to the Office of CCI&E; New Delhi through the Office of Textile Commissioner, Bombay. Application for higher value is required to be made to Secretariat for industrial approvals, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi, direct. Such import of second hand machinery is permitted subject to the condition that advertisement procedure as per Para 164 of handbook of procedure is followed in addition to the other conditions stated in Para 193 thereof.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Export by Seafood Industry

4838. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Sea Food Industry in trouble" appearing in the Indian Express dated November 10, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage exports by the seafood industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) Government is aware of the newsitem

(b) The main points made in the newsitem are:

- (i) No representation of Sea Food Exporter Association of India (SEAI) on the Board of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and EIA.
- (ii) Ban on export of frog legs
- (iii) Need to bring about improvement in the peeling sheds.
- (iv) Fast development of Sea food industry had given

rise to complacency and exporters grievances are not being taken care of.

- (v) The Sea Food Industry is not able to avail the facility of diesel at concessional price due to cumbersome procedure.
- (c) (i) Government will consider representation of SEAI on the Board of MPEDA and EIA at the time of reconstitution of these boards.
- (ii) For environmental reasons Government has imposed ban on export of frog legs.
- (iii) The Government is implementing several subsidy schemes through MPEDA for upgradation of quality standards.
- (iv) The problems of exporters are promptly attended to in the Ministry. This is one of the reasons why the sector is doing so well.
- (v) The diesel fuel subsidy scheme is functioning satisfactorily.

[Translation]

Opening of Sainik School in Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)

4839. SHRI AYUB KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for opening Sainik Schools in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to

open a Sainik school at Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the time by which this school is likely to be opened there; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) According to the Sainik School Scheme, a Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration, which has to bear the entire capital expenditure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure for running the school by way of grant of scholarships to all eligible boys and ad-hoc grants-in-aid from time to time.

(b) to (d). In response to a request, dated 1.8.89, received from the Government of Rajasthan, to intimate to them the prerequisites and financial implications of starting a Sainik School at Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan, the Ministry of Defence informed the State Government, on 31.8.89, about the requirements in this regard. The Ministry has not so far received, from the State Government, any concrete proposal for opening a Sainik School at Jhunjhunu.

[English]

Special financial support of Orissa

4840. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested for special financial support as is given to some hill States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?